

Re: Request for Consultation on Effluent Limits

Katherine Brown to: Alma Moonin

Cc: "Priscilla Evans", "Tim Greene", Hanh Shaw, Tami Fordham

Bcc: Sally Thomas

Hi Alma!

As I discussed with Priscilla today, EPA received a letter from Tim last week (attached). The letter asks EPA for government to government consultation on revised effluent limits for produced water discharged from oil and gas facilities in Cook Inlet (in the Cook Inlet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit).

I need to talk with you about this as soon as possible, and I'm hoping you can call me tomorrow on my cell (716) 269-9685 or Tuesday at my office (206) 553-7263.

The comment period on these revised effluent limits ends June 20, 2011, and the revised permit is scheduled to be finalized soon after that. We are working on scheduling another teleconference about the effluent limits for all Cook Inlet tribes in the next few weeks. If you're interested in having a call with EPA, Alaska DEC, and Nanwalek IRA Council, we will need to set it up to happen in June.

I hope that you're doing well and that graduation was great. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Katherine

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Subject: effluent limits



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From: Hanh Shaw/R10/USEPA/US

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Subject: Public Notice: Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit - Reproposal of Effluent Limits

Public Notice and Comment Period: May 18, 2011 - June 20, 2011

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is re-proposing six effluent limits for produced water in the Cook Inlet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (AKG-31-5000) pursuant to the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342. The effluent limits are: mercury, copper, total aromatic hydrocarbons (TAH), total aqueous hydrocarbons (TAqH), silver, and whole effluent toxicity (WET). EPA is seeking public comment on this re-proposal. For information regarding the re-proposal of effluent limits, please contact Ms. Hanh Shaw at (206) 553-0171.

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This Notice also serves as Public Notice for the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), draft certification of reasonable assurance that the re-proposed produced water effluent limits will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act. For information concerning the draft 401 certification, please contact Ms. Michelle Bonnet (907) 269-7565.

Public Comment

To comment on the tentative determinations contained in the re-proposal and fact sheet, please submit written comments postmarked by June 20, 2011, to be considered in the final determinations on the permit. All comments must include the commenter's name, address and telephone number and a concise statement of the exact basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based. Send written comments and requests to EPA to the attention of Hanh Shaw, Office of Water and Watersheds, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, OWW-130, Seattle, WA 98101 or via email to shaw.hanh@epa.gov or via facsimile to (206) 553-0165.

Written comments on the ADEC State Certification should be sent postmarked by June 20, 2011, to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Attn: Michelle Bonnet, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 or via email to michelle.bonnet@alaska.gov.

Public Documents Available

The draft Cook Inlet NPDES general permit re-proposal, fact sheet, and draft CWA 401 certification are available at the following locations:

EPA Seattle Office, 1200 6th Ave, Seattle, Washington, (206) 553-1289 EPA Alaska Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5083 EPA Region 10 web site:

http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/DraftPermitsAK ADEC Anchorage Office, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska

ADEC web site: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/index.htm